Executive engineers in CPWD

2786. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that same ad hoc appointee in the grade of Executive Engineer in CPWD are continuing in service for more than one year without further approval of DOPT; and

(b) if so, the action Government proposes to take against the Department?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Department has sought approval for extension of the period of ad-hoc appointment from DOPT beyond one year.

Status of infrastructure for Commonwealth Games, 2010

2787. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of development of infrastructure in connection with Commonwealth Games, 2010;

(b) whether it is a fact that Yamuna river bed is also proposed to be utilized for construction of some structure;

(c) if so, the details in this regard;

(d) whether it is a fact that environmentalists have opposed the move; and

(e) if so, the final decision in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (DR. M.S. GILL): (a) For almost all the major sports/civic infrastructure projects, related to Commonwealth Games, 2010, the detailed designs and estimates have been approved, tender process has been completed, and construction work has commenced. All stakeholders, have indicated specific time-lines with reference to key milestones of each project, up to is targeted date of completion of the work, and the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, has set up a web-based monitoring system, to monitor and review progress of projects. The construction work on most of the projects is progressing satisfactorily and would be completed well before the CWG 2010.

(b) and (c) No structure is being constructed on the river bed. However, the Games Village is being constructed farther side of the river on land which has been reclaimed, from the flood plains of river Yamuna. This is a Delhi Development Authority Project for which they have obtained mandatory clearance from the concerned agency.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. Some Non-Government Organizations have filed a writ petition in the High Court of Delhi, titled "Rajender Singh & Others Versus Government of NCT of Delhi & others", The Hon'ble has heard the arguments of both the parties, and the final decision has been kept reserved.